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Why bad results can be inspiration for success

IT'S been a tough couple of weeks for our younger generation - and for those that have to live with them too.

But receiving your exam results is a peculiar rite of passage that we all have to experience in our youth and which, for most of us at least, either inspire us to go on to bigger and better things, or cement a sense of intelligence.

As youngsters picked up their GCSEs this week, I remembered collecting mine. That crushing realisation that while all my pals had made out they hadn't been revising (which was handy, because neither had I) I had actually been somewhat misled.

It was a valuable lesson learned.

And so, bizarrely, was the receipt of my A-levels which left a lot to be desired too.

Because, if nothing else, it made me realise that if you muck up your exams at school - despite everyone telling you to



Editor **Chris Britcher**

buckle down - then there is a consequence. The trick was simply to turn that disappointment round to become a motivating factor. The result was that I knew I had to work a lot harder than everyone else to try and prove my worth in the career I so desperately wanted to succeed in.

You can be the judge as to whether being editor of KoS can be classed as "success" but for me it has been a real career highlight.

Why do I say this? Well merely that it demonstrates that even if your results leave you pondering what

could have been, the trick is how you react to it. Do you assume the label disappointing grades give you or go out to prove to the world you're more than an E grade in physics?

I don't think my scientific knowledge has developed much since, but I have learned exam results are not the be all and end all - however you may feel at the time.

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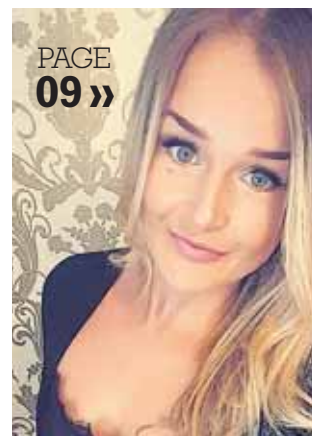
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Sex festival death 'not suspicious' say police

POLICE say they are not treating the discovery of a man's body at a woodland sex festival in Tunbridge Wells as suspicious.

Officers were called by ambulance crews at 6.14am on Tuesday to the campsite in Powder Mill Lane.

It is understood to be where many stayed during last weekend's Flamefest at Brokes Wood near High

Brooms.

In addition, an unconscious woman received medical treatment and was flown by air ambulance to a local hospital. She is now in a stable condition.

Police say a report is now being compiled for the coroner. Flamefest described itself as "the festival for enlightened, kinky partygoers".

Is it set to be Bye-di-Bye for historic holiday camp as demolition day looms?

By Chris Murphy

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COUNCIL chiefs in Shepway have approved plans to demolish the final buildings of a once celebrated holiday camp on our coast.

Its original buildings featured in a host of movies in the 1950s and 60s, but its last clubhouse faces being turned into rubble and a new building constructed on its site.

But campaigners are hoping to persuade the owners of the New Beach Holiday Park at Dymchurch to think again.

Explains historian Neil Pearson: "This does lend itself to an obvious 'Bye-di-Bye' flavour, but this could be the end of an era.

"I am sure people will recognise the importance of this building as part of our social history and the development of tourism. The distinctive original gabled ends of the roof has been welcoming sight for decades, and we just can't lose it.

"While researching the building,



GOING: New Beach Holiday Park

I have established that it is the last pre-war purpose built holiday camp remaining in the country - everything else left has either been updated or swept away with redevelopment. Put simply there

are no other survivors of this type of building from this period."

It was the back drop for films including David Essex's That'll Be The Day and an episode of TV's On The Buses.

Adds Mr Pearson: "Built in 1936 at the same time as Billy Butlin was building his first camp at Skegness, the structure has remained largely unchanged in 80 years of continuous use - including being used as an army training camp during the war - and originally was the dining room, kitchens and ballroom and still features its original Canadian sprung maple dance floor - much loved by ballroom dancers.

A spokesman for owners Park Holidays UK said: "We are delighted to have received the go-ahead for this major redevelopment project. The new reception and entertainment complex will create a modern and more comfortable environment in which our staff can work, and provide park guests with a more practical and welcoming facility to help them enjoy their stay."



BACK: New-look for popular show

Bake Off is still cooking up big TV hit

CANTERBURY baker Paul Hollywood looks like he made the right move after sticking with the Great British Bake Off after critics gave the first episode of the show - which airs this week - rave reviews.

The hugely popular show made a controversial £75m switch from the BBC to Channel 4 last year and returns with a new line-up on Tuesday at 8pm.

Mr Hollywood was the only one of the original team to stick with the show as fellow judge Mary Berry and presenters Mel Giedroyc and Sue Perkins quit.

Advance viewings received warm reviews with Sarah Rainey in the Daily Mail saying it was "like being wrapped in a warm, comforting blanket". Adding: "Despite having all that cash thrown at it, it hasn't changed a bit."

Michael Hogan in The Telegraph gave it five stars and said Bake Off retained the same "flavoursome contention".

"In happy conclusion, dough devotees can rest easy. Mary, Mel and Sue might be gone but the show's recipe remains as winning as ever. Good bake," he wrote.

And Mark Lawson in The Guardian said that programme-makers were "having their cake and eating it" adding "only someone desperate to dislike the re-plated show could argue that one of TV's greatest successes has soured, spoiled or binned its recipe."

Hunt for driver who injured elderly cyclist

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after an elderly cyclist was left hospitalised following a suspected hit and run in Ramsgate.

The collision between a red Seat Ibiza and the cyclist is said to have occurred at 2.25pm on July 19 in Queen Street.

The cyclist, a man in his 70s, was taken to a local hospital with a suspected head injury and has since been released from hospital.

It was reported that the driver of the car failed to stop following the collision and a car, fitting the same description, was later discovered on fire in Kingston Close, Ramsgate, during the early hours of July 20.

Officers investigating the collision have made a number of enquiries since the incident and spoken to witnesses. They are now asking anyone with information, who may have seen something and who has not yet spoken to police, to contact as soon as possible by calling 01843 222289 quoting reference 19-0832.

Who will win fish and chip shop of the year?

THE county's top fish and chip shops have been revealed as they prepare to batter the opposition to be crowned the top fryers at the National Fish & Chip Awards.

Six chippies in London and the south east have made the final shortlist, including two from the county.

They are Papa's Barn in Ditton and Newington Fish Bar in Ramsgate.

All are in the running for the prestigious fish and chip shop of the year award - one of 15 categories up for grabs in the nationwide awards, now in its 30th year.

The competing shops have had their frying skills put to the test as well as being judged against vigorous criteria, including menu development and innovation, sustainable sourcing policies, staff training processes, and marketing techniques.

They join 54 other businesses hoping to win the top title from across the country and who will be whittled down to a top 10.

The winner will be announced at the awards ceremony in London on January 25.

Suspicious blaze rips through sports club

POLICE say they believe the fire which ripped through a former sports centre in Northfleet on Tuesday night may have been started deliberately.

They are treating the fire, which destroyed the building, saw three neighbours treated for smoke inhalation and the death of a dog, as "suspicious".

Huge plumes of black smoke were seen billowing into the sky after the blaze in the former Fleet Leisure and Sports Club in Nelson Road which started at around 6.30pm.

Around 100 people living nearby were evacuated, with many being housed at the Cygnet Leisure Centre until it was safe to return to their homes.

At the height of the fire, around 35 firefighters and six fire engines were at the scene.

Owned by Gravesend Borough Council, the centre closed suddenly four years ago after the company it was leasing to went into administration.

Since then the council has repeatedly hoped to revive the site and insists it will return the site to "sporting and community use".

Lukewarm reception will not derail parkway station plans

By Tom Pyman

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PROPOSALS for a new parkway train station in Thanet are unlikely to be submitted this year as planned after the majority of respondents in a recent consultation claimed they wouldn't use it.

Kent County Council says the station will provide access to more employment opportunities for local residents using high speed rail services to London and other parts of Kent.

Bosses also claim it will improve investment opportunities at the Discovery Park enterprise zone and surrounding business parks in Thanet, bringing jobs and prosperity to the east of the county.

Thanet Parkway is earmarked for being on the existing Ashford International to Ramsgate line, south of the former Manston Airport site and just to the west of the village of Cliffsend. It will be sited between Minster and Ramsgate railway stations, and will be served by both mainline and high speed trains.

The proposed station is designed to be unstaffed with two platforms and a variety of facilities, including ticket vending machines and passenger help and information points offering remote assistance.



FUTURE: The station in Thanet has been discussed for years

However, when KCC invited feedback on the proposals earlier this year, of the 306 responses it received to a question asking whether they would use the station, 40 per cent answered 'no' compared to 34 per cent who said 'yes'. There were also a host of other concerns including the cost of parking to prevent parking in nearby residential areas.

The local authority said: "Pricing of car parking at the station is still to be decided.

"Different scenarios are being explored by the project team and will be presented to the

cabinet member [Matthew Balfour] for a final decision.

"Should it be decided that parking will be charged, KCC will work with Thanet District Council to explore measures to prevent commuter parking in residential areas."

The feedback is not expected to derail the plans, however it is understood a planning application is now likely to be submitted next year, rather than by the end of 2017 as KCC hoped when launching the consultation.

Car park closed as demolition begins

THE long-awaited development of Lowfield Street will close dozens of car parking spaces in Dartford's town centre next week.

Market Street's central car park, next to the town's park and library will be closed permanently from 6.30pm on Tuesday, August 29.

Formerly owned by Tesco, the supermarket sold the site to housing developers after failing to open an expected store there.

Death after car and van involved in smash

A MAIDSTONE woman has died after being involved in a smash between a car and a van in Mereworth.

The crash occurred near the junction with The Street in Malling Road at 3.10pm on Sunday and involved a white Ford Transit van and a red Peugeot 206 car.

Monopoly launch day

A SPECIAL version of Monopoly for Tunbridge Wells will launch on October 26, it was confirmed this week.

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Overseas GPs heading here to help ease our health crisis

DOZENS of GPs from overseas are set to arrive in the county over the coming months as bosses speed up their international recruitment programme to meet the growing health crisis.

Kent and Medway has been selected as one of 11 areas nationwide to take part in NHS England's expansion, which will see around 600 foreign doctors recruited into general practice in 2017/18.

NHS England is aiming for a total of 2,000 doctors over the next three years, which is a huge increase compared to its initial target of 500 by 2020/21.

Many areas of Kent have reported suffering a shortage of GPs and a surgery in Folkestone which serves some 5,000 patients announced earlier this year it is to



close in November.

It is not clear yet how many of the 2,000 will be recruited in Kent, nor how quickly they will be arriving.

Dr James Thallon, medical director for NHS England South

East, said: "The doctors will be expected to meet the highest standards of practice, including being able to speak good English, and support will be in place to ensure this."

NSPCC reports spike in child neglect numbers

CASES of child neglect in Kent have risen by some 70 per cent, according to figures published this week.

The NSPCC says it referred 410 cases to the police and children's services last year, compared to 241 referrals in 2011/12.

The children's charity also received 68 calls and emails from people in the county seeking advice about children being neglected.

UK-wide, the NSPCC made 16,882 referrals to children's services or the police in 2016/17, equivalent to 46 a day.

Charity bosses say the rise shows more people are willing to speak up about the issue.

A growing number of people contacting the NSPCC Helpline also described parents as

having a problem with alcohol and drugs, with some of them regularly leaving their children unsupervised so they could go drinking with friends.

Peter Wanless, chief executive of the NSPCC said: "Neglect can have severe and long-lasting consequences for children, and can also be an indicator of other forms of abuse."

"This is why it is so important for anyone suspecting a child of being neglected to contact the NSPCC Helpline, so we can alert the authorities to quickly step in and help those in need."

The NSPCC supports parents who are on drug or alcohol treatment programmes to help to develop secure and healthy relationships with their children. Contact the helpline on 0808 800 5000.

Pub opens for business

A £500,000 new bar in Deal has opened for business.

Queen Street Tap is on the site of the former Hole in the Roof pub and is run by the Stonegate Pub Company.

It is promising live music, comedy and jazz along with food and drink.

Cruel crook dupes OAP

RESIDENTS in Hawkhurst are warned to be on guard after a man offering to sharpen tools stole cash from a house.

The crook called at an address in Conghurst Lane on Wednesday. When the pensioner went to fetch some shears a wallet stolen and the man had disappeared.

Consultation deadline

THERE's only a few days left to take part in a consultation to changes to Ashford's local plan - a key strategy document clarifying land for development over the next 13 years.

The closing date is August 31. To take part in the consultation visit www.ashford.gov.uk/consult.

Water work due to start

HOUSEHOLDS in Maidstone may notice some water discolouration as South East Water carries out work in the town from September 11.

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Molly's colourful farewell

By Tom Pyman

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HUNDREDS turned out this week for the funeral of Molly McLaren, the 23-year-old killed in the car park of the Dockside Shopping Centre in Chatham.

And there was barely a black tie or skirt in sight at Gravesend Crematorium on Monday after her parents insisted they wanted mourners to wear as much colour as possible for the occasion.

And so - for a couple of hours that morning at least - the crematorium which overlooks the river became a kaleidoscope of colour beneath gloomy, overcast skies.

Mourners were encouraged to bring a photo of Miss McLaren as well as a flower from their garden.

More than 200 people waited either side of the short, winding road leading up to the crematorium entrance, where the hearse carrying Miss McLaren's body arrived at 11am.

A piper from Shorne played Flower of Scotland as she entered the chapel.

Her father, Doug McLaren, told our sister title the Gravesend Reporter: "I was born in Scotland and Molly was our flower of Scotland. She always wanted me to take her to see the Highlands and the Lochs."



TRIBUTES: Molly was killed in June - hundreds paid an emotional final farewell

Such was the turnout, both chapels were opened up, with the service broadcast on screens in the crematorium's waiting area as well, so that everybody could watch and listen to tributes from friends, family and colleagues.

Mourners were told how Miss McLaren, an exercise, sport and health education student at the Uni-

versity of Kent, was "someone who was determined to make a difference to people's lives, and invariably she did".

Friends and family then made their way to The Leather Bottle pub where she once worked in her home village.

Mr McLaren added: "All of the family were humbled by the numbers that attended and by the love and af-

fection shown by all.

"We never realised how many friends Molly had. They all had such lovely things to say about Molly. It was so touching."

Joshua Stimpson, 25, from Wouldham has been charged with her murder and is due in court again next month to enter a plea. A trial date has been set for January 22.

Warning over lorry attacks

UK lorry drivers are being put at risk by violent clashes in Calais, according to an industry body.

The Road Haulage Association (RHA) issued the warning after gangs of migrants were involved in multiple brawls on roads approaching the French port and Eurotunnel terminal. Up to 200 migrants have been involved in the clashes this week.

RHA director of policy Rod McKenzie said: "Our members are terrified and angry. Gangs of marauding migrants, often armed with iron bars, are attacking their vehicles."

Thanet chief's board jobs

CHRIS Wells, the Ukip leader of Thanet District Council has been appointed to serve on the boards of two public sector bodies.

He will take up a role at Local Partnerships, which is a joint venture between HM Treasury and the Local Government Association and, in addition, has also joined the board of the District Councils' Network which lobbies central government.

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THE WEEK





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Commuters warned of chaotic week ahead on our rail network

If you're travelling into London this week for business or pleasure, you need to be aware of major work which is going to see trains cut and diverted as £6bn project finally edges towards completion

By Chris Murphy
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RAIL passenger groups say commuters should be entitled to some compensation as they brace themselves for a hugely disruptive week on services going in and out of London's major terminals.

The chaos - which will see services reduced and diverted - forms one of the final major work days on the multi-billion pound Thameslink programme which intends to future proof the south east's rail infrastructure with a major overhaul of London Bridge station and surrounding lines.

But for long-suffering commuters, next week will be a particularly grueling one with disruption meaning simply to enter Cannon Street station during the busy evening rush hour will mean joining a queue system which could add an extra half an hour on to their journey time.

As a consequence - and with services into other stations diverted - train company Southeastern says it might be better to work from home this week.

Passengers are warned they may not be able to board the first train that arrives at their platform due to overcrowding and "there may be longer waits than normal in between trains".

Both Cannon Street and Victoria are set to be "exceptionally busy" Southeastern warns and there are likely to be big queues to access the Tube network.

It comes after major problems on the network this weekend as rail chiefs use the holiday season and bank holiday to carry out the work during a period when demand is tra-

ditionally lower.

However, it will mean a major headache for the thousands of others who still rely on the services.

Chris Fribbins at Railfuture, an independent campaign for improved passenger services, explained: "We are now on the final approach to a new London Bridge. After years of disruption at London Bridge, Charing Cross, Cannon Street and Waterloo East as a replacement station was built around one of the busiest routes in the UK.

"The opportunity to work on some of the tracks over four days is being taken, with Cannon Street being left open and the unusual step of running some Southeastern trains into Waterloo mainline to ease the pressure."

That Kent service into Waterloo will be the first time a service has gone directly to the main station rather than neighbouring Waterloo East.

Adds Mr Fribbins: "It will be a long time before this happens again, if ever, as Waterloo is undergoing an upgrade of its own to increase capacity for its own services.

"Most of the work at London Bridge is to cater for a major increase in Thameslink services, although there may be some improvements in reliability for Southeastern services and there have been some people who have lost services on the Greenwich line to Charing Cross. Will it have been worth the disruption over recent years? We will have to wait and see - perhaps some compensation would be welcomed."

The massive reworking of the approaches to London Bridge station means that for four working days this week, there will be no trains from Southeastern going to or from London Bridge, Waterloo East or Charing

Cross.

There will also be no trains at Cannon Street this bank holiday weekend while services to Blackfriars will be re-routed too on Monday and next Saturday.

Network Rail, which handles the infrastructure of the network, says it will use the time to move the Charing Cross lines through London Bridge into a new position and open newly rebuilt platform six, which will mean that more Charing Cross trains can stop at London Bridge.

Throughout the eight day period, there will be fewer Southeastern trains running to and from London. Those that do run will be much busier than usual and diverted to other London stations, including Victoria, Blackfriars, Cannon Street and Waterloo.

Network Rail and Southeastern say that during the four working days that are affected by this work, August 29 to September 1, Cannon Street in particular will be exceptionally busy as more passengers will be using the station than usual.

During the evening peak, two

queuing systems to enter the station will be in operation, one on Dowgate Hill and the other outside the front of the station. Passengers are advised that queues of up to 30 minutes are to be expected and they will need to leave more time for their journeys. If possible, Cannon Street passengers should try to travel outside of the evening peak, rail chiefs advise.

Simon Blanchflower, Thameslink programme director, Network Rail, said: "Over these eight days we are investing a further £12 million in our railway upgrade plan, which will ultimately lead to better, more reliable journeys to and through London.

"The decision to ask passengers to queue is not one we have taken lightly, but safety is our priority."

Ellie Burrows, train services director, Southeastern, said: "We know it's a challenging time for our passengers while the work takes place and journeys may take longer than usual. We are advising passengers to look in advance at the amended timetable and think about changing their journey or working from home if at all possible."

Transport groups are broadly sympathetic and have urged passengers to look at the big picture.

Anthony Smith, chief executive of the transport user watchdog, Transport Focus, told us: "Passengers from Kent coming into London are likely to face engineering work which could disrupt their journeys to and from London stations such as London Bridge, Cannon Street and Charing Cross.

"Our research demonstrates the importance of train companies providing passengers with the right information at the right time. They also need to have people on hand to help guide passengers through any alternative arrangements in place."

The high-speed service via Ashford International and Ebbsfleet International will continue to operate as normal. However, passengers are reminded a high-speed ticket will be required to use these services, despite the disruption elsewhere.

All passengers are advised to check their route before leaving home via Southeastern's website - www.southeasternrailway.co.uk.

JUST WHAT IS THE THAMESLINK PROGRAMME?

IN a nutshell it is all about improving rail services in and around London and improving routes from the south and towards the north.

To meet demand it has needed to increase the number of Thameslink route services through central London to one every 2-3 minutes in the peak.

It will improve connections, giving passengers better travel options to more destinations by linking some services, such as

Cambridge and parts of the East Coast mainline, into the Thameslink network, helping to relieve congestion on the underground.

Key to that has been major upgrades to London Bridge station designed to reduce delays caused by trains crossing pathways and waiting outside the station for platforms to clear.

Costing some £6 billion, the size of the project is enormous and the work hugely complicated.

However, it has meant huge disruption in recent years for Kent commuters, with many services diverted from the station.

Work started seven years ago but the end is in sight with work due to be complete next year.

It is understood there will be one final round of major disruption at Christmas for Kent passengers before work concludes.

No end in sight to controversial cutbacks at major city hospital

In a week in which a campaign group warned of a “collapse” of services provided by a hospital trust, its chief executive this week told KoS its future was assured but changes may still be in place next year

By Tom Pyman

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HUNDREDS of emergency patients are still likely to be directed away from the Kent & Canterbury Hospital well into next year, the chief executive of an under-fire health trust has told us.

East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust (EKHUFT) controversially announced earlier this year it was set to make a number of cuts to services at the city hospital, with some 35 people who normally attend by ambulance every day with conditions such as heart attacks, strokes and pneumonia, instead diverted to the William Harvey in Ashford and the QEOM in Margate.

The changes, which health chiefs insist are only temporary, but have been in place since June, are the result of the trust struggling to recruit enough permanent consultants.

While some vacancies are expected to be filled over the coming weeks, the trust says it is currently plugging around half the positions with locums.

The knock-on effect of that was the trust having to move some 50 per cent of junior doctors based at the K&C to its other hospital sites in the east of the county, claiming continuing to run services without experienced consultants overseeing them would jeopardise patient safety.

Long-term, the trust wants to “re-organise” its services at the three hospitals and is set to bring proposals forward for public consultation in the spring - a move which was delayed by Theresa May’s snap general election.

Its early plans are to have two emergency hospital centres which include 24/7 A&E and planned care, with one of them providing specialist services.

The third site would be a hospital dedicated to planned care, such as hip and knee replacements, and rehabilitation, alongside a GP-led urgent care centre.

The trust believes this reorganisation will allow more patients to receive the care they need in one place, but realistically, given there have been delays already and the consultation is likely to be a long and complex process, those plans are some way off coming to fruition, which has led to fears over the current state of services.

Speaking exclusively to KoS this week, the trust’s chief executive Matthew Kershaw admitted there had been no specific timetable agreed on when services are likely to return to the K&C.

“The temporary changes we have had to make may still be in place when we reach public consultation,” he said.

“If this is the case, the trust will fo-



PRESSURE: Matthew Kershaw, inset, is chief executive of the East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust which oversees hospitals in Canterbury, pictured, Ashford and Margate.

cus on implementing any longer-term reconfiguration once the final decision is made on where and how services are provided.

“Like many hospital trusts across the country, we have continued to see significant pressure on our emergency care services.

“Improving emergency care performance remains a key priority and a real challenge to ensure more patients are seen, treated and discharged or admitted within the four-

hour standard.”

The growing crisis has seen Faversham and Mid Kent MP Helen Whately hold a Commons debate on the hospital’s future, while campaign group Concern for Health in East Kent (CHEK) has been piling pressure on the trust in recent months.

Chair Ken Rogers said this week: “We have been given information by various nurses and patients that would suggest that it is not only acute care that is suffering, but rather the

whole of services provided by EKHUFT are in danger of collapse.”

Mr Kershaw and the trust insisted they did not want to get into “a slanging match” with CHEK but comprehensively dismissed those claims while also attempted to allay fears by categorically confirming that it had no plans to close the K&C site.

Mr Kershaw said: “The strength of feeling expressed in the public meetings the NHS has hosted over the summer demonstrates how impor-

tant these issues are for local people.

“People want a high quality and accessible health service that is sustainable and we need to use the resources we have in the best way possible, so we will work in partnership with our local communities on how we do that for the next five years and in the longer-term.

“Other parts of the country have brought together specialist teams to look after people with specific conditions such as stroke, more quickly, whereas in east Kent, we are still stretching our specialist services and staff too thinly in many areas.

“We have seen the very real consequences of this in the problems we have had sustaining some medical services across our three big hospitals.

“Stretched services are difficult to recruit to, and difficulties recruiting consultants to provide the right levels of support and training for our junior doctors at Kent & Canterbury Hospital, resulted in Health Education England (HEE) and the GMC, which oversees junior doctor training, requiring the trust to move 38, which is around half the K&C’s junior doctors, to our other two hospitals at Ashford and Margate.

“Because it would not be safe to continue running these services at K&C without them, we needed to make changes until we can fully resolve the situation.

“The safety of patients will always be our priority. Although we know there are many issues we need to resolve, we are absolutely committed to making these improvements.”

Another twist that came to light earlier this summer was an offer by local developer Mark Quinn to build a new hospital near the current site.

The move was supported largely by CHEK and Mrs Whately, however, newly-elected Canterbury MP Rosie Duffield was upset after not being briefed on the plans before they were announced.

Mr Kershaw said: “We are discussing the developer’s offer in more detail to see what potential it may have and whether it is an option that could provide further opportunities for the future plans for hospital services, which will be consulted on next year.

“The shell of a hospital would require capital funds to be turned into a functioning hospital and we need to take that into account, as well as other matters such as whether the hospital could be completed in a reasonable time. There are also other factors such as planning consent and access to consider.

“As a public body, it’s important that a rigorous process called ‘due diligence’ is followed before any decision could be made about the potential of any new development.”

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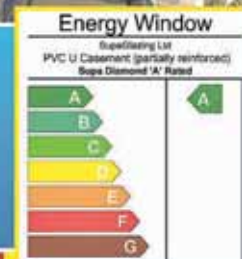
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Family's grief as Julian, 7, among dead in Spanish attack

His picture had been circulated widely on social media in a desperate bid to find him. But little Julian Cadman was confirmed as among the dead of the Barcelona attacks. Now thousands of pounds have been raised for his family.

By Chris Britcher

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THE family of a seven-year-old boy killed in the Barcelona terror attack have said they were blessed to have had him in their lives.

Julian Cadman, a dual British-Australian national who was born in Tunbridge Wells and attended nursery school in Chiddingstone, became separated from his mother in the massacre on Las Ramblas that left 13 dead and at least 120 injured when a van mounted the pavement and drove at pedestrians.

In the aftermath of the attack, Julian's relatives urged people to share a photograph of him on Facebook as fears for his safety grew.

Confirming his death last Sunday, his family said: "Julian was a much-loved and adored member of our family.

"As he was enjoying the sights of Barcelona with his mother, Julian was sadly taken from us.

"He was so energetic, funny and cheeky, always bringing a smile to our faces.

"We are so blessed to have had him in our lives and will remember his smiles and hold his memory dear to our hearts.

"We would like to thank all those who helped us in searching for Julian.

"Your kindness was incredible during a difficult time.

"We also acknowledge we are not the only family to be affected by the events, our prayers and thoughts are with all people affected."

He had been with his mother, Jom, 43, in the Catalan city, to attend the wedding of a cousin from the Philippines.

His mother was left seriously injured and became separated from her son during the attack.

An online campaign organised by friends in Australia to raise money to help with her recovery had raised more than \$200,000 (£156,000) within days of being launched. It is hoped it will eventually raise \$1 million.

Established by Scott Bowman, boss of the boy's father, Andrew, the page says: "Andrew, Jom and Julian are a normal Aussie family whose lives have been devastated by the recent tragedy in Barcelona.

"As you can imagine, there will be ongoing medical costs to get Jom back to full health.

"We are asking for any contribution for those that may wish to help. This will assist

with additional medical and funeral costs for the family. We thank you greatly for any support you may offer."

It is believed the young boy was killed almost instantly when the van hit him.

Foreign secretary Boris Johnson added: "I send my sincerest sympathies to the family of Julian Cadman and all those who loved him. His death is a tragedy.

"The FCO [Foreign & Commonwealth Office], our Australian colleagues and the Spanish authorities continue to do all we can to support his family at this deeply distressing time."

Julian's father and grandmother travelled to Spain from Australia following the atrocity, and his grandfather Tony Cadman was among those urging people to share a photograph on Facebook.

On Wednesday, police in Spain found a belt with explosives at the house where the terror



VICTIM: Julian Cadman was killed when the van hit him as he walked with his mother



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TRIBUTES: Thousands have paid their respects to those killed in the middle of Barcelona's busy tourist district following the attack last week which claimed the lives of so many. All pictures: PA

suspects accused of killing 15 people in attacks on Barcelona and Cambrils last week had allegedly been preparing a bigger attack.

Six of the attackers shot dead by police were wearing fake suicide belts.

A police spokesman said the belt with viable explosives was found at a house in Alcanar, south of Barcelona, where two other cell members died in an explosion last Wednesday prior to the attacks.

Police had already found over 100 tanks of butane gas and materials to make TATP, an explosive used by Islamic State militants, at the house.

Younes Abouyaaqoub, a 22-year-old Moroccan, and the driver of the van which killed Julian and the other victims, was shot dead by police in a town 30

miles west of Barcelona, four days after he drove the van along the crowded tourist boulevard.

Police said Abouyaaqoub shouted "Allahu Akbar" (God is greatest) just before he was gunned down outside Subirats, shortly after local people called police to say they believed they had spotted him.

Four other men believed to be linked to the terrorist activity appeared in court in Spain this week.

Earlier this week, mourners gathered for a mass in Barcelona where King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia joined politicians at the Sagrada Familia basilica to honour the 14 people killed and all those injured in the attacks.

Some 34 nationalities were among those wounded in Las Ramblas and in Cambrils.

BRAVERY AFTER FINLAND ATTACK



HERO: Hassan Zubier came to the aid of a victim of the stabbing

A British man hailed a hero after he was injured while helping victims of a suspected terror attack in Finland has said he feels sad he could not save a woman's life.

Hassan Zubier was being cared for in hospital this week in the city of Turku, 90 miles west of capital Helsinki, after he was wounded in the knife rampage that left two Finnish women dead.

Mr Zubier, a paramedic born in Dartford and now living in Sweden, has received international praise for his bravery in coming to the aid of others, including a woman who died in his arms.

He said: "I am not a hero. I did what I was trained for. I did my best and more."

He added: "I just feel sadness that I couldn't save her life, sadness about the dark in the world right now, that is my thoughts, for all of those who were injured, the other girl that died."

Sat in a wheelchair and with his left arm in a sling, he added: "It's a sad, sad

day, not just for Finland, but for the world, for humanity."

Four Finns, an Italian and a Swede were also injured in the attack, which Finland's Security Intelligence Service said was "a likely terror act".

Finnish police arrested two more suspects over the stabbings on suspicion "of preparation of an offence to be committed with terrorist intent".

On Tuesday, a regional court ordered that an 18-year-old Moroccan asylum-seeker be detained on suspicion of terrorist crimes, including two counts of murder and eight counts of attempted murder.

Three alleged accomplices also were ordered to be held on suspicion they helped plan the attack.

The main suspect, who has acknowledged the stabbings but denies murder, was named as Abderrahman Mechkah, although police said they believe he is using a false identity. His lawyer has denied any terrorism motivation.



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Shipwreck gives up its silver haul

A fascinating exhibition of artefacts brought back from the surface of a Dutch vessel which sank on the Goodwin Sands in the 18th century has shed light on the remarkable silver and spices trade

By Tom Pyman

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TALES of endemic and lucrative smuggling of silver in the 18th century were told to visitors at a unique exhibition event in Ramsgate last weekend.

Archaeologists welcomed around 120 people to an open day where artefacts and discoveries from a shipwreck that has laid off the Kent coast for more than 250 years were on display, with the wreckage helping shed new light on international trade on the high seas.

The Dutch East India Company vessel *Rooswijk* sank on the treacherous Goodwin Sands in 1740, with the loss of an estimated 250 lives, just a day after leaving the Netherlands bound for what is now Jakarta in Indonesia.

She was packed with an official cargo of silver bullion and coins with which to buy spices and Oriental porcelain that were in demand in the upper echelons of the Enlightenment Europe movement at the time.

But an Anglo-Dutch team excavating the wooden wreck six miles off the Channel coast has discovered items that shed light on the untold stories of those aboard, including their efforts to get rich on the quiet by buying their own illicit luxuries.

They smuggled out their own silver cargo, ranging from a handful of coins secreted on the bodies of simple deckhands to the larger-scale rogue trading carried out by the ship's captain, Daniel Ronzieres.

Project leader Martijn Manders, from the Cultural Heritage Agency of the Netherlands, which is working with Historic England on the excavation, said: "There was a shortage of silver and that shortage of silver was in the place where they could buy precious materials to sell in Europe again.

"Suddenly these few coins of silver were worth almost twice as much because they had transported them to the Indies. So it was quite lucrative.

"Everyone would smuggle silver; it was the simple sailor who smuggled coins in his belt, in his shoe, to the East Indies.

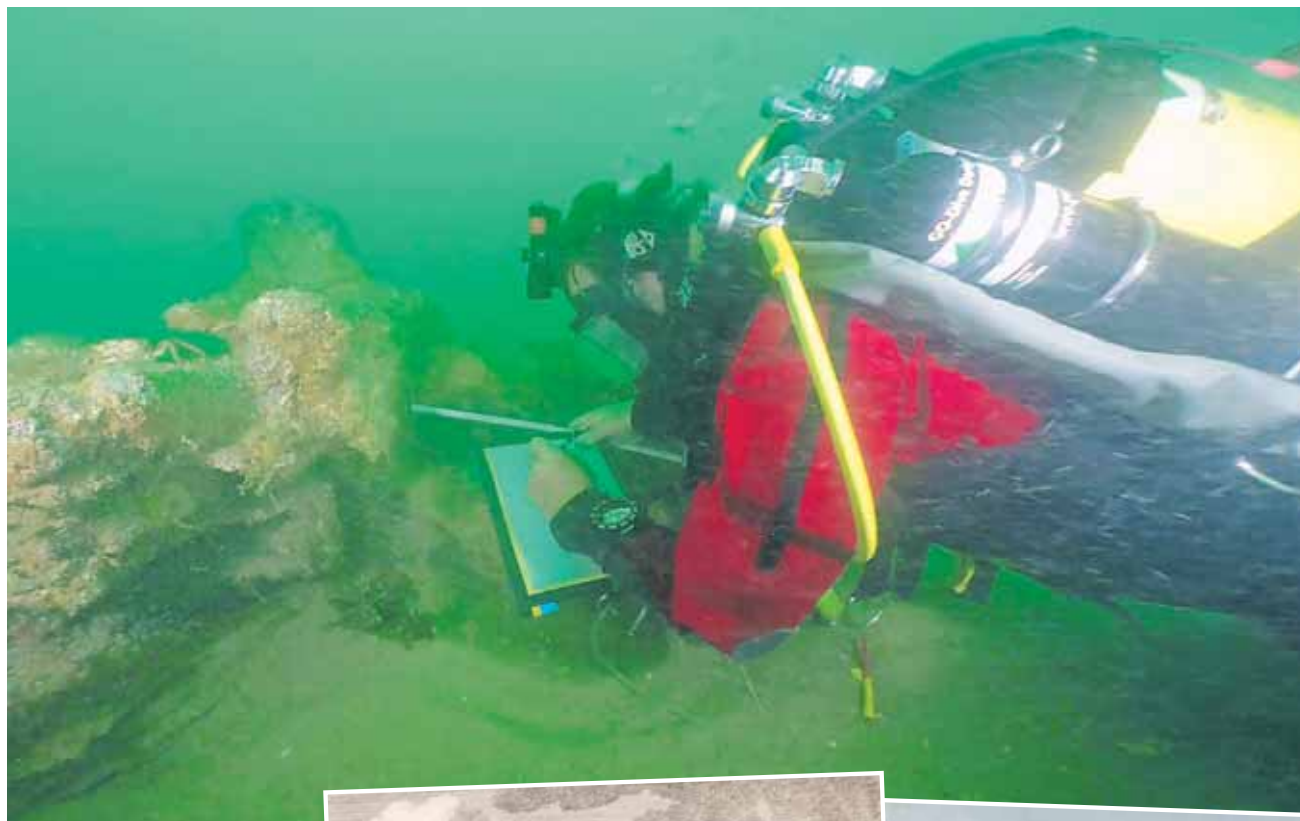
"But it was also the captain as well, who even had an office in Amsterdam and people were coming to the office and handing over money for him to bring to the Indies so they could earn more money from those silver coins."

The ship, which lies on and under the seabed 26 metres down, is being excavated because it is at risk from the currents and shifting sands.

An excavation in 2005 recovered lots of silver and more coinage has been found this time, along with irregularly shaped "pieces of eight" - weights of silver hacked off an ingot.

They have also found items including as-yet unopened chests, leather shoes, glass bottles and pewter jugs.

They are being desalinated, a process like that carried out on the Tudor



EXPLORE: Divers in the Channel researching the remains of the ship the *Rooswijk* which sank in 1740.

warship *Mary Rose*, at a facility by the harbour in Ramsgate, which welcomed the public

Historic England's archaeological conservator Angela Middleton said the unopened chests proved particularly popular among visitors, as did virtual reality headsets, which demonstrated what the divers can see and how details are recorded.

On the treacherous sands though, there are plenty of challenges and there are often setbacks when sediment is re-deposited, making identification that bit more difficult.

"Everyone has their own personal interests but it's unknown what you might come across - every day is a surprise," she said.

Archaeologists are being advised on the next steps to conserve the artefacts and another open day will be held in Ramsgate on September 16 before the excavation concludes at the end of that month.

Rooswijk was owned by what is known in Dutch as the Vereenigde Oost-Indische Compagnie (VOC), which had a state monopoly on spice importation from the Dutch East Indies, now Indonesia.

It lost some 250 ships over the years it was in operation, of which just a third have been located.

The *Rooswijk* set sail on January 8 destined for what was then a colonial outpost called Batavia.



But the ship, just three years old and on its second voyage, fell foul of the notorious sands in the Channel that are littered with centuries of wreckage. There were no survivors.

Mr Manders said that the time the ship went down was "the heyday of the smuggling of silver".

Soon afterwards, the rate of losses and cost of lawsuits from those who gave money to the smugglers meant there was a clampdown on the practice.

The team has been diving the site over the summer, but important work

has also been taking place in archives in Amsterdam.

Mr Manders added: "We have found already information about 11 people, from all different ranks, so we can tie up all the individual objects. But also the ship and the stories, you can tie them up to persons and that makes the stories really valuable."

Marine archaeologist Alison James, from Historic England, said the wreck was "hugely important".

She added: "The Goodwin Sands have been known in the past as The Great Ship Swallower. We know of



FINDS: The ship would have looked like this, left, and some of the coins found in its remains and brought back to the surface above. Pictures: PA

over 800 recorded wrecks that have been lost.

"They are very treacherous as an area for boating and shipping, but they are great for archaeology.

"We knew it was incredibly vulnerable because the sands were moving and material was being exposed.

"We also knew we had reports of illegal diving on the site and perhaps people who were potentially there to do things that we might not want them to do.

"It was a case of act now or this material will be lost."

The day Bruce dazzled thousands

As fans mourn the loss of one of the nation's finest entertainers, we take a look back just five years

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JUST five years ago, Sir Bruce Forsyth created another chapter in his own vast entertainment history right here in Kent when he performed before thousands of fans at a music festival.

The veteran entertainer, who passed away last Friday at the age of 89, thrilled the 30,000 crowd at the Hop Farm Festival in Paddock Wood after becoming a surprise addition to the three-day line-up in 2012.

The presenter, singer and comedian performed a range of classic hits, reeled off a host of his best-loved catchphrases and even duetted with his granddaughter, the singer Sophie Purdie, who lives in Ramsgate.

Performing on a sunny Saturday afternoon slot, he was on the same bill as headliner Bob Dylan while also performing that day were the likes of Primal Scream and New Order's Peter Hook.

But despite the distinctive difference in styles, he entertained the crowd in the way only he

could - taking to the stage wearing a gold waistcoat, black dress trousers and a white winged-collar shirt, before cracking jokes and even doing a little tap dancing - despite being 84 at the time.

Backed by a band, he performed the likes of Can't Take My Eyes Off You, a medley of Sammy Davis Jr songs, and Smile with his granddaughter.

Speaking after the show he revealed: "It was a risk to do this festival. I could have fallen completely flat on my face. It wouldn't have ended my career, but it would have set me back a few years."

"But to be honest, I found it much easier than I thought. The sheet music was blowing all over the stage in the wind, but it did not matter as, in the end, I made contact with the crowd and they made contact with me, that is what my show is all about. It was a gamble that paid off."

In fact it proved such a hit, he followed it up the following year by entertaining the crowds with a set at the Glastonbury Festival - becoming the oldest performer to hit the main stage.

Sir Bruce passed away after illness had forced him to step



down from his role as presenter of hit BBC TV show *Strictly Come Dancing* in 2013.

He admitted in an interview the following year he quit the show as it was "exhausting".

He said at the time: "Quitting the show is better for me physically."

"I'll be able to spend more time with my wife, my family."

He died at his home next to

Wentworth golf course surrounded by his wife, former Miss World, Wilnelia, and his six children.

A spokesman for the family said: "A couple of weeks ago, a friend visited him and asked him what he had been doing these last 18 months."

"With a twinkle in his eye, he responded 'I've been very, very busy...being ill!'. Unfortunately, not long after this, his health deteriorated and he contracted bronchial pneumonia."

He was taken to hospital in March and spent five nights in intensive care at St Peter's Hospital in Surrey after developing a severe chest infection, according to reports. He underwent surgery in 2015 after he suffered two aneurysms, which were discovered when tests were carried out following a fall at his Surrey home.

The veteran entertainer, whose career lasted more than seven decades, had been out of the limelight for a while and last year was too frail to attend the funeral of close friends Ronnie Corbett or Sir Terry Wogan.

He announced he was leaving *Strictly Come Dancing* in April

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2014, after nearly 10 years as the presenter of the show.

Among the many paying tribute to him was Strictly Come Dancing's former head judge Len Goodman.

Mr Goodman, who has a dance school in Dartford, quit the show last year.

He said of his friend: "As long as I can remember there has always been Bruce on our TV. His work ethic, professionalism and charm will be with me forever."

"Bruce it was nice to see you to see you nice."

His principal claim to fame before Strictly revived his career was his hosting of the long-running and highly-successful TV series The Generation Game. But he was no less popular in Play Your Cards Right and in Bruce's Price Is Right.

Strictly colleagues past and present, including his co-presenter Tess Daly and successor Claudia Winkleman, have all shared touching tributes.

Prime Minister Theresa May also paid tribute to Sir Bruce. She said: "We have lost a national treasure. Like millions of others, for years I watched Sir Bruce

dance, sing, joke and laugh. He will be sorely missed."

Sir Elton John praised the "brilliant comedian, television host and lovely man" and adding that it was an "honour" to have worked with him.

Sir Bruce's close friend, comedian Jimmy Tarbuck, credited him with "changing his life".

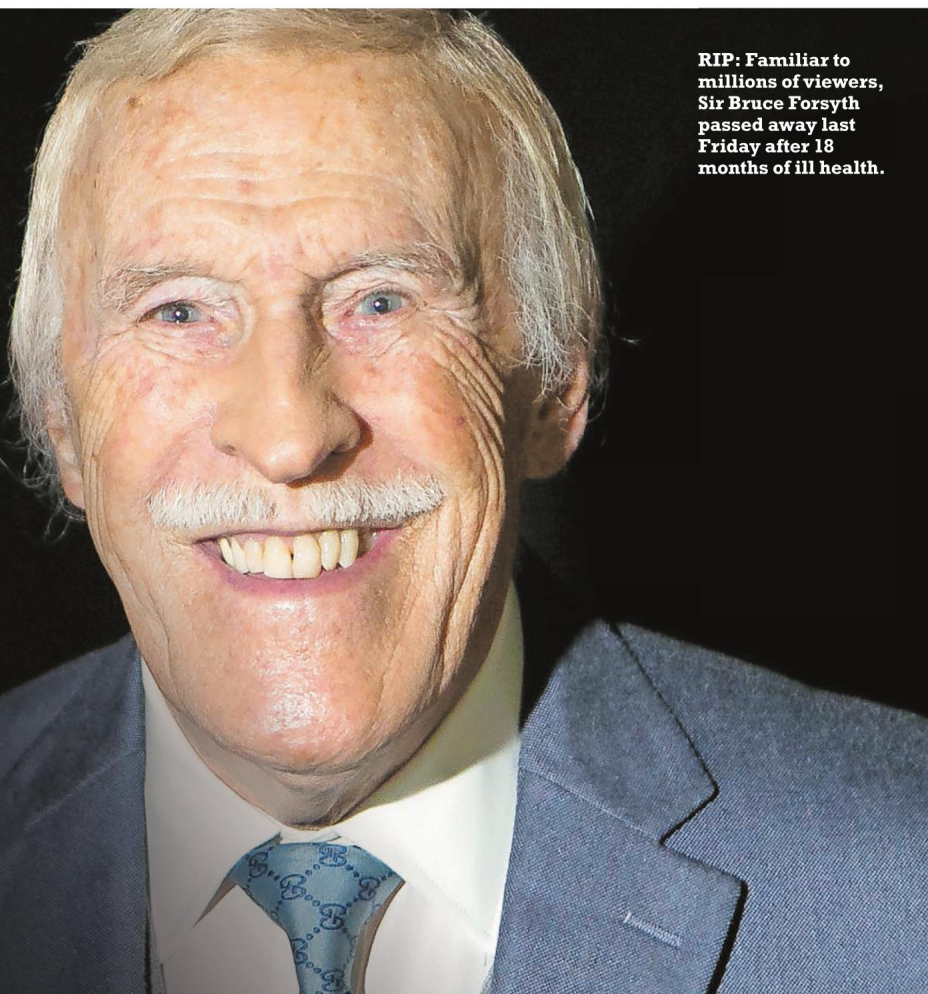
Tarbuck recalled his first meeting with Sir Bruce as he spoke of their friendship.

He said: "He was always Mr Forsyth to me because he did help change my life. He was unique - he could play the piano with Nat King Cole, he could dance with Sammy Davis Jr, he could take over Have I Got News For You, and most importantly he could annoy Sean Connery on the golf course, which always tickled me."

Comedian and singer Russ Abbot, another of the many stars to speak about Sir Bruce, said "there will never be another Bruce".

The star of 1980s TV shows said: "A great, great loss to the country and personally a great loss to me as a friend. Our thoughts are with Winnie and the family."

RIP: Familiar to millions of viewers, Sir Bruce Forsyth passed away last Friday after 18 months of ill health.



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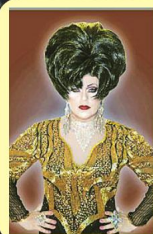
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Tens of thousands thrilled as Biggin Hill hosts annual air extravaganza

Some 32,000 people headed to the private airport to witness some spectacular displays in the skies. Even former Ukip leader Nigel Farage joined in the fun as he met veterans at the popular event.

By Luke May

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THOUSANDS of people flocked to Biggin Hill last weekend for the return of the annual festival of noise, colour and aircraft.

This year's Festival of Flight carried particular significance as it celebrated the 100th anniversary of Biggin Hill Airport.

And to mark the occasion, the event was increased to two days, with airport chiefs describing the displays "as some of the best in recent years".

Among the 32,000 who attended over the course of the event - with 16,000 tickets up for grabs for both Saturday and Sunday - was former Ukip leader and former Westerham resident Nigel Farage.

But it was the dazzling Red Arrows which once again stole all the headlines with a magnificent display that thrilled the crowds.

There had been concerns before the event some of the most iconic aircraft would be grounded after an engine



SPECTACULAR: Crowds were thrilled with a host of spectacular displays, among them the Red Arrows, right, over the course of last weekend



fault was discovered in one of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight's fleet threatening to keep the Spitfire and Hurricane on the ground.

But dipping into its heritage hangar, fans were able to instead watch the airport's own Hurricane and two

Spitfires fly for 12 minutes on both days.

Warbirds from days gone by filled the skies, along with wing-walkers showing off their aerobatic skills.

Visitors were also treated to a range of modern-day craft from Bel-

gium, the Czech Republic and an exclusive UK performance from the French Air Force's Patrouille de France.

A spokesperson from London Biggin Hill Airport said: "We had an incredible weekend with more than

16,000 visitors coming on each day.

"There were a number of magnificent displays including from our European visitors, the Belgian F16 flew very noisily but beautifully and displays from the French and Czech air force were just as beautiful and

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CHEERS: Nigel Farage, centre, joins the veterans at the air show

gained much attention.

"The Red Arrows were as always magnificent and the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight flew a Mk XIX Spitfire, which was well received."

Managing director Will Curtis added: "We were pleased that the show was well attended and the weather remained fine throughout. Our flying display was one of the best seen in recent years and we are proud to have been able to mark our 100th anniversary in style and to share that cele-

bration with our neighbours and supporters."

As well as displays, the festival welcomed veterans from the Second World War as well as re-enactors.

Veterans from the Second World War were pictured next to an iconic Spitfire craft with ex-Ukip leader Mr Farage.

On Sunday, the two day festival ended another year of aerial displays with an eight-minute solo Spitfire display as the sun set.



AIR SHOW PEDIGREE

BIGGIN Hill is no stranger to airshows having for many years staged one of the biggest of them all.

The Biggin Hill International Air Show, or Biggin Hill Air Fair, was one of the largest civilian airshows in the world and the largest privately organised air show in Europe.

The annual event in June ran from 1963 to 2010 and attracted huge crowds of 100,000 people.

Famously, it was at the air fair the UK public got its first look at the remarkable Red Arrows as they staged their first ever public display at the events in 1965.

But after the organiser's contract was terminated, the event was

curtailed.

It ended as a result of financial considerations and the impact it was having on businesses who use the airport.

The Festival of Flight took off in 2014 as a one-day event with a tightly controlled advance-ticket only rule, limited to 15,000.

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GCSE grading scheme explained

As pupils picked up their results this week, a number of key topics changed their score system but just what constituted a pass grade? We take a look at the marks required to get the highest ratings

By Tom Pyman

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STUDENTS across Kent needed just under a fifth of marks in this year's higher-level maths GCSE to achieve a grade 4, considered a standard pass, figures released this week revealed.

Getting just over half the marks gave candidates a new grade 7 - equivalent to an A - while those scoring at least 79 per cent were awarded a 9 - the highest result under England's new 9-1 grading system.

Students in England are the first to receive numerical grades having taken new, tougher exams in English and maths.

In general, after moves to make the courses more demanding and changes to the structure - such as ditching coursework and pupils taking exams at the end of the two-year course, rather than throughout - there has been movement of just a couple of percentage points in the proportions of students achieving key grades, such as at grade 4, broadly equivalent

to the traditional C grade.

This year, 70.7 per cent of 16-year-olds in England gained a 4 or higher in maths, compared with 71.4 per cent who achieved at least a C last year, while in English language, 69.7 per cent got a 4 or higher compared with 69.7 per cent getting A*-C last year, and in English literature 72.5 per cent got a 4 or higher, compared with 74.6 per cent gaining at least a C last year.

There were significantly higher numbers of pupils taking English GCSEs this year, amid a move away from international GCSEs and changes to what counts in annual school performance tables.

Figures published by Ofqual show that students sitting the higher tier maths GCSE needed to score at least 18 per cent on average to secure a grade 4, while 52 per cent was the boundary for a 7 on average, and 79 per cent was the average required for a grade 9.

On the higher tier paper, 4 is understood to be the lowest grade possible, with half of the marks in the exam targeted at grades 4-6 and the other half at grades 7-9.



TEST: Get just a fifth of the questions right and you scored a standard pass

Professor Alan Smithers, director of the Centre for Education and Employment Research at Buckingham University, said grade boundaries had been dropped this year to ensure that sufficient students achieved key results.

"What has happened this year is the regulator has penned the new grade 7 to an A grade and the new grade 4 to a C grade," he said.

"In order to maintain that, it's dropped the number of marks required for a pass at various levels. In

some cases, it's dropped them very low, it's more or less giving away the grade.

"Ofqual maintains this is necessary to maintain standards across the years, but in fact it is taking away some of the point of the exams, which is to enable users of the results to tell people apart with greater accuracy."

Exams regulator Ofqual has had processes in place for some years to ensure that results are comparable each year, which are also intended to ensure that students taking the first new courses this summer are not disadvantaged.

An Ofqual spokesman said: "The higher tier paper caters for students who might be looking to achieve a grade 4 right up to a grade 9. It starts with grade 4 level questions.

"In contrast, the foundation tier paper caters for students seeking to achieve a grade 1 through to grade 5. The different grade boundaries on the two papers reflect that.

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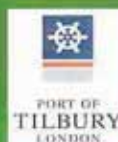
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STAR: Craig Revel Horwood recently starred in the BBC's Who Do You Think You Are show. Picture: BBC

Craig's revelling in the world of Dusty Springfield's music

Strictly judge is bringing his latest big show to Tunbridge Wells later this year

THERE is a delightful aptness to that middle name. Celebrated as the brusque dispenser of flattening put-downs, Craig Revel Horwood seems to revel in his karate-chop critiques of hapless celebrity performing waltz wipeouts and tangled tangos. Audiences certainly do.

"I just react to what I'm seeing," he explains innocently. "If I'm watching bad dancing I'll tell them the truth. They need to know. If you're not getting corrections I think that would be wrong. I don't think it's fair to say you love something if you don't."

Revel Horwood entered showbiz as a choreographer and worked on the likes of Miss Saigon. Not every show was quite such a mega-hit, and when they didn't work it was his quarrelsome streak which

triggered a decision to double up and become a director too.

"I didn't want to have a battle with the director and see the line where the director finishes his work and the choreography began. For me it's a lot easier to have one concept of a piece applied. I did it so I could have arguments with myself rather than with someone else."

The latest show on which he's arguing with himself is *Son of a Preacher Man*, a splashy new musical by Warner Brown. It features 20 songs woven into the story of three people with romantic problems who see solace in Soho record store famous from the Sixties. There they each hope that a fabled love guru will help them, though things don't turn out quite as fantasised.

And it comes to the Assembly Hall Theatre in Tunbridge Wells for

a run between October 31 and November 4.

It's Revel Horwood's first go at a jukebox musical. How is he finding the task of melding dialogue and tunes? "It's a joy to work on," he purrs. "The Dusty music lends itself to good storytelling, and that's really important: her stories always have beginning, a middle and an end. And they're very soulful. A lot of people will be surprised when they see the songs come to life. Her lyrics are really quite poignant. She tells human stories with amazing rhythms that can be applied to men or women and crosses through to being gay as well. That's why her music is universal."

Alongside the full cast of actor/musicians, *Son of a Preacher Man* features a four-piece band and a three-strong girl group pumping out the hits of Dusty Springfield.

and a cast that includes X Factor favourite Diana Vickers as the youngest of the lovelorn trio.

They are all discovering that the Craig Revel Horwood they see on television can be like that in the rehearsal room too. "I have to give them notes and tell them how I feel. I'm quite direct." He promises he's not always strict. "When you go to work you're a different person and when you knock off you become yourself again."

When we met at the rehearsal room, he is not allowed to discuss the new line-up for *Strictly Come Dancing*, but does he have a fantasy cast of celebs he'd like to slap down? "I'd love to see Simon Cowell. The world would love that."

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Hunting the scarers as theme park gets ready to go darker

By Chris Britcher

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DREAMLAND will be taking a turn to the dark side again this year as it prepares to transform itself from summer showstopper to scary Halloween haunt.

The Margate venue has enjoyed a bumper summer season following a major close season overhaul, which saw some £25 million invested in its facilities before it reopened as the sun came out.

Along with the earlier decision to drop entry fees and operate a pay-as-you-ride scheme, food and drink outlets have been stepped up and there is now a large outdoor performance space in the middle of the park which has been used for everything from concerts by big-selling bands such as Gorillaz, to open air movie nights.

Now the venue is planning its October extravaganza when it turns itself into Screamlend, an award-winning Halloween attraction and a useful off-season revenue generator.

And right now it's keen to hear from anyone wanting to be part of



HIT: It's been so far so good for the theme park - now it's setting its sights on Halloween

the scream-fest as it recruits actors to take on the various roles to make sure things go bump on the night.

As the award-winning event enters its third year, Dreamland needs actors to ensure visitors experience "a frightening world of immersive scare mazes with side-shows set to thrill and haunt".

Explains a spokesman: "After dark, the fairground becomes the

scareground and those wishing to scare people silly - while being paid to do so - have the chance to be part of this award-winning attraction by attending castings on September 2 and 3.

"Various roles will be available and actors will receive full training so no experience is necessary. Candidates must be available throughout the duration of October and are expected to scare until

late."

Meanwhile, those wanting to ensure they don't miss any of the thrills, can buy early bird tickets for Screamlend via the park's website.

Those wanting to pay a visit to the park this weekend can catch two classic movies on the big screen for free - vampire flick Lost Boys is on Saturday and Dirty Dancing on Sunday. Entrance is free.

Uriah Heep star's clinic

DRUMMER from legendary rock band Uriah Heep, Russell Gilbrook, will be the star guest at The George Hotel in Chatham on September 15 to host a drum clinic organised by Medway Drum Studio.



Anniversary blues tour

BLUES band Spikedrivers will be performing at Broadstairs' Sarah Thorne Theatre as part of their 25th anniversary tour.

Featuring a set from throughout their career, the show takes place on September 16 at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £10 in advance of £12 on the door.

Kent Life's cream treat

KENT Life Heritage Farm Park's Ice Cream Festival returns this Monday to the Sandling venue, with a host of vendors, chocolatiers and sweet stalls offering up tasty treats between 10-6pm.



Harvest festival knees up

THE Wye Community Farm Harvest Festival takes place on Saturday, September 9 at the Honest Miller in Brook.

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Heritage doors opened

HERITAGE Open Days across Tonbridge between September 7-10 will give visitors the chance for free entry to a range of properties - among them Tonbridge Castle and the Kings Hill Control Tower.



Travel along the Silk River

A SIX-mile walk takes place on September 21 as part of Silk River, a major project Gravesend Borough Council is promoting to celebrate the UK-India Year of Culture as it winds its way along the Thames.

Residents are urged to sign up to learn about the history of the borough.

Dietrich 'back' on stage

PATRICIA Hartshorne brings her stage rendition of the legendary Marlene Dietrich to the Trinity Theatre in Tunbridge Wells on September 14 for a performance of her Doppel Dietrich cabaret show.



Pedal up for dream show

THE world's first cycling theatre company park up at the Woodville in Gravesend for their "beautifully bonkers" production of a Midsummer Night's Dream.

The HandleBards promises a rendition of the Shakespeare classic like you've never seen it before on September 14.

Stadium celebrates at Conningbrook Lakes

By Chris Britcher

chris.britcher@archant.co.uk

THE 20th anniversary of Ashford's Jule Rose Stadium will be celebrated in style next month with a special fun day at the neighbouring Conningbrook Lakes.

Opened as a lasting tribute to the promising local athlete, killed in a plane crash in 1985, the venue has become a popular attraction.

And the trust which oversees that also manages activities at the Conningbrook Lakes site next door where it will lay on a host of entertainment on Saturday, September 9.

The former gravel site has become a popular leisure spot and features a host of riverside homes.

Among the attractions will be canoeing, paddle boarding, rowing, angling tuition and dinghy demonstrations as well as water zorbing - where users enter a giant ball which allows them to 'walk' over the water's surface. It will be open to those aged 10 and above.

There will be mini-kids athlet-



ics, a mile long fun run and cycling activities too.

For younger children there will be face painting, a bouncy castle and a toddlers' tumble time.

Mike Bennett portfolio holder for culture said: "We are delighted to be celebrating 20 years of the Jule Rose stadium by hosting a family fun day for our residents and visitors at Conningbrook Lakes. It will be an excellent opportunity for people to enjoy a variety of sports, including canoeing, as well as family-fun

activities such as face painting."

In addition, there will be pond dipping and sweep netting with Kent Wildlife Trust, children's activities with the Kentish Stour Countryside Partnership and free health checks and membership offers with Ashford Leisure Trust - the organisation which manages the sites.

There will also be, musical entertainment and various water sports and community groups' stalls as well as some from Ashford Farmers' Market.



FUN: Face painting will be made available on the day



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Prince returns to O2 ten years after purple reign

A little over a year since his death, a special exhibition takes place at the O2 to celebrate life of icon

AN exhibition dedicated to the late superstar Prince - featuring items from his Paisley Park studio in Minneapolis - is to be staged at the O2 in Greenwich later this year.

My Name Is Prince will be staged at the venue where Prince held court for a 21-night residency back in 2007. He holds the record for the longest run at the venue.

Now, from October 27 - and also for just 21 days - an exhibition featuring original costumes, handwritten lyrics, awards and instruments will go on display at the venue.

Prince died on April 21 2016 at the age of 57.

Among the items on display will be

clothing from the 1984/1985 Purple Rain tour and the 1988/1989 Lovesexy tours; wardrobe from the 1990 film Graffiti Bridge; the Gibson L65 guitar that Prince used when he made his national television debut on American Bandstand in 1980 and during early tours, the orange Cloud guitar used during his 2007 Super-Bowl performance, the Raspberry Beret cloud suit from 1985 and clothes worn during the O2 Arena shows.

It is the first time many of the items have left Paisley Park.

The studio have since been turned into a museum devoted to the star and has welcomed fans from around the world.

His sister Tyka Nelson said: "There are several countries that meant a lot



FLASHBACK: A coat worn during the massive US Purple Rain tour

to him. I know London was one of his favourites. For him to have a sold out show for 21 nights there and the record still stands today, I think it's the perfect place to start the exhibition.

"This is the first time we've taken any items out of Paisley Park. When I heard about the idea I was so excited because since he's passed people come to the house and things like that. But to actually be able to go where people live that maybe can't afford to come over to Paisley Park in the States; I'm so excited to be able to meet the fans and share their Prince stories and give them hugs, and have a cry with them if need be."

Paisley Park's director of archives, Angie Marchese, said: "At Paisley Park, Prince constructed and inhab-

ited a creative reality that was wholly unique, allowing him to fluidly develop music and artistic works spontaneously and without limitation. He envisioned Paisley Park as one day being opened to the public. Through this exhibition, we are expanding his dream to share with a wider audience, and allow visitors to The O2 in London to experience all his greatness through the artefacts direct from his Paisley Park archives."

Prince performed his only UK festival performance in Kent in 2011 when he headlined the Hop Farm Festival at Paddock Wood - his first live show in the UK since the O2 run.

Tickets for the exhibition are on sale now priced £25 from the website mynameisprince.co.uk.

Tribute to The Smiths

GRAB your gladioli and NHS specs and head to Tunbridge Wells' The Forum on October 27 for one of the most acclaimed tribute bands to The Smiths.

The Smyths recreate the sound and atmosphere of Manchester's Morrissey and Johnny Marr at the peak of their powers and have played more than 500 shows since forming back in 2003.

Tickets for the show cost £13.

Grab a slice of Coldcut

DANCE legends Coldcut celebrate 30 years in the music business with a show at Ramsgate Music Hall on Saturday, November 4.

Best known for their work with the likes of Yazoo and Lisa Stansfield in the 1980s and 1990s, along with a host of big-selling remixes, the duo have continued to record and will mark their influence with their Thanet show.

Remembering Big O

SINGER Barry Steele will be paying homage to the legendary Roy Orbison when he performs at Dartford's Orchard Theatre on September 21.

The Roy Orbison Story will take the audience through the late star's hits and share film and interviews from the 1960s up to his time as part of super group The Travelling Wilburys prior to his death at the age of just 52 in 1988.

Global food festival

A MULTICULTURAL food festival is coming to Mote Park in Maidstone from September 1-3.

Shemomedjamo, an event which seeks to join the dots between cultural practices, cuisines and art forms from the far flung corners of the globe, will feature a programme of music, dance, art and craft.

In addition, there will be a host of live music to entertain the crowds.

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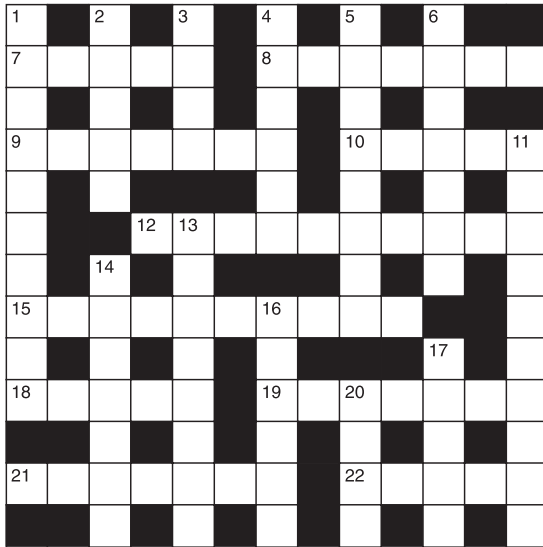
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7. Commerce (5)
8. Spicy (7)
9. Notice (7)
10. Allude (5)
12. Cafe (10)
15. Trial (10)
18. Surpass (5)
19. Regain (7)
21. Tableland (7)
22. Sensational (5)
- Down**
1. Aura (10)
2. Untrue (5)
3. Nobleman (4)
4. View (6)
5. Upset (8)
6. Scoundrel (7)
11. Backward (10)
13. Enlisted (8)
14. Particular (7)
16. Mortuary (6)
17. Open (5)
20. Visit (4)

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Across

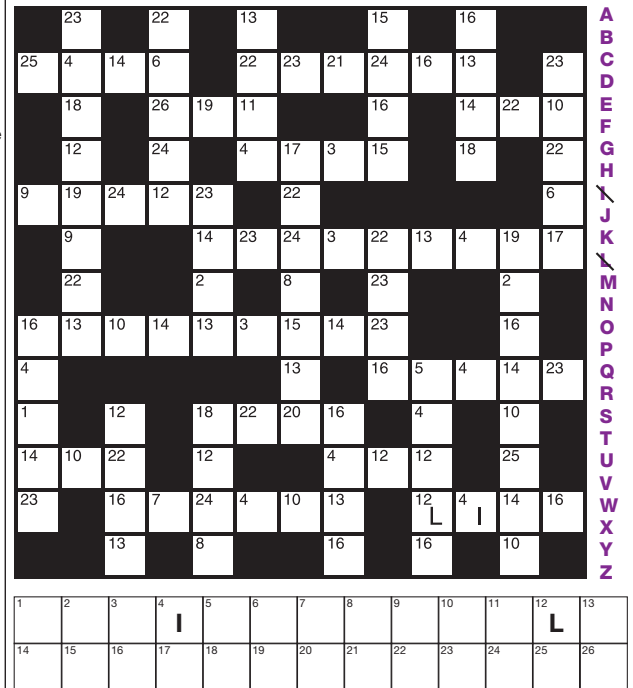
7. He may be spotted, laughing (5)
8. A warning to those who are too introspective (4,3)
9. A show presented before the show (7)
10. French and German articles appear below (5)
12. Will it give a ghostly light? (6,4)
15. Thought one had respected other people's feelings (10)
18. Game fellow (5)
19. Badly angered and remaining furious (7)
21. Brightened up when found not guilty (7)
22. Weeds prepared for eating (5)

Down

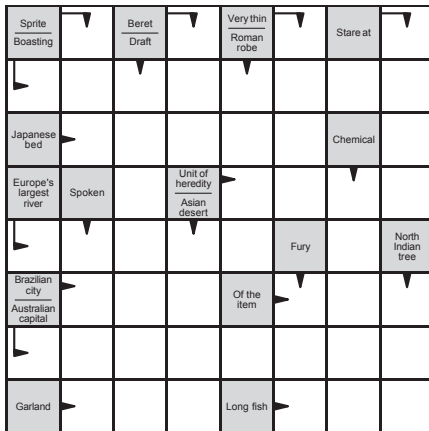
1. In the main, they're disasters (10)
2. A revolting subject (5)
3. Bail out in the Indian Ocean (4)
4. A runner, but not in the vegetable garden (6)
5. She vainly seeks masculine attentions (8)
6. Warm drink (7)
11. Some steps that have to be suspended (4,6)
13. They are expected to provide proof of what they do (8)
14. In a bad temper the day none came round (7)
16. Makes it correct for me to be in tails (6)
17. Monsters make some progress (5)
20. Not considered a disfigurement (4)

CODEWORD

This puzzle has no clues. Instead, every number printed in the grid represents a letter, with the same number always representing the same letter. For example, if 8 turns out to be a V, you can write in V wherever a square contains 8. Using your knowledge of words, complete the puzzle.



Arrowword

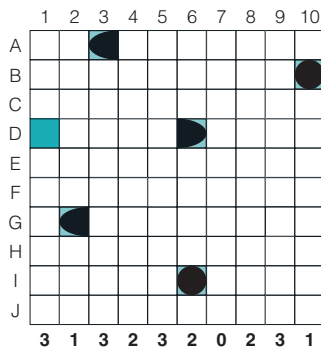


Enter your answers in the direction indicated by the arrows.

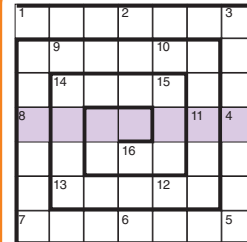
Battleships

Find where ships shown below are hidden in the grid. The numbers to the right of and below the grid indicate how many of the squares in that row are filled in with ships or parts of ships. The ships do not touch each other, even diagonally. Some of the squares have been filled to start you off.

THE FLEET
1 x Battleship
2 x Cruiser
3 x Destroyer
4 x Submarine



Word Spiral



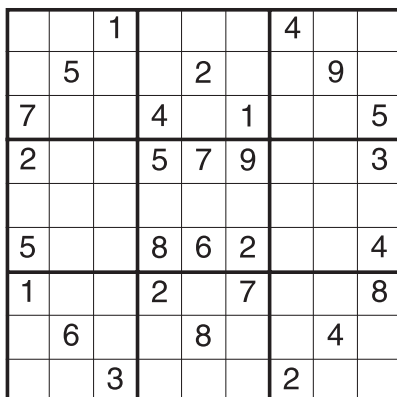
Starting from 1, fill in the grid clockwise with four-letter words. The last letter of each word becomes the first letter of the next to reveal the key word in the shaded boxes.

1. Cod, say
2. Assistance
3. Sport
4. Norse god
5. Midday
6. Standard
7. Factory
8. Country road
9. Always
10. Inclined surface
11. Tow
12. Weaving apparatus
13. Female servant
14. Dreary
15. The two
16. Camel's protuberance

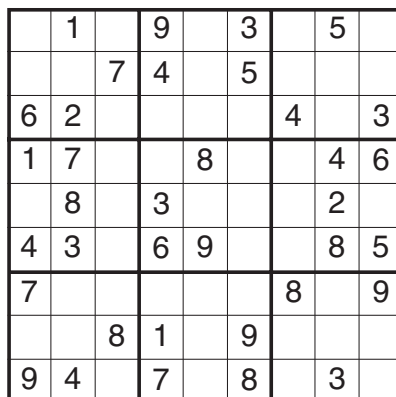
Keyword clue: An African river

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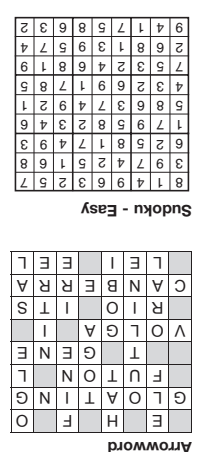
Easy



Solutions

3 Peer; 4 Aspect; 5 Overturn; 6 Ruffian; 11 Retrograde; 13 Enrolled; 14 Special; 16 Monger; 17 Overt; 20 Call.
Codeword
1 Z, 2 B, 3 C, 4 I, 5 K, 6 W, 7 Q, 8 G, 9 M, 10 R, 11 X, 12 L, 13 T, 14 E, 15 H, 16 S, 17 N, 18 P, 19 O, 20 Y, 21 J, 22 A, 23 D, 24 U, 25 V, 26 F.
Word Spiral
1 Fish; 2 Help; 3 Pol; 4 Odin; 5 Noon; 6 Both; 16 Hump.
Keyword: Limpopo

8 Savoury; 9 Observe; 10 Reber; 12 Restaurant; 15 Even; 10 Ramp; 11 Pull; 12 Loom; 13 Norm; 7 Mill; 8 Lane; 4 Odin; 5 Noon; 6 Both; 16 Hump.
Codeword
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Keeping up with the Clooneys...

Lake Como is a favourite with the stars, and now with **Mike Pickup**.

Celebrity-studded Lake Como is bordered by high mountains, creating spectacular lake and mountain scenery.

It's a bit like the Norwegian Fjords but with the temperature turned up, the prices turned down and a peppering of celebrity villas. Most are in private ownership, including George Clooney's Villa Oleandra. However, a few are open to the public and I visited Villa Balbianello, owned by the Italian National Trust.

Originally a monastery, Cardinal Durini bought it in 1785 and converted it into a villa. The last owner was the explorer Count Guido Monzino. He overhauled the interior and filled it with treasures from his journeys. The villa featured in Casino Royale and Star Wars Episode II. As with

other Italian villas, the exteriors are as important as the interiors and Balbianello's lovely gardens are no exception.

I also visited Villa Carlotta. Built in the 17th century, it contains many treasures and has famous botanical gardens with over 150 species of rhododendrons, azaleas and camellias, plus old cedars and sequoias. The villa's museum exhibitions were beautifully presented.

It was a few minutes' walk to my hotel, the Britannia Excelsior in the village of Cadenabbia. My room was large, comfortable and the balcony provided a shady spot to admire the stunning view across the lake to Bellagio - the hotel in Las Vegas is named after it. I took the free boat service from the hotel to visit this tranquil, elegant and largely pedestrianised town. The old buildings, shop-

lined cobbled steps, boutiques, cafes and formal gardens put Bellagio on the 'must see' list for visitors. The composer Franz Liszt lived there for a while with Marie d'Agoult and their daughter, Cosima, went on to marry Wagner. Lunch at the Grand Hotel Villa Serbelloni was a memorable experience. Hotel guests have included JFK and Winston Churchill who have suites named after them.

I also strolled through the shady manicured gardens of Villa Melzi which line the lake's shore. Again, these were every bit as impressive as the imposing villas.

Bellagio is certainly one of the most romantic spots on the lake. My visit flew by in a haze of boat trips, villas, gardens, stunning scenery and delicious food and wine, but all too soon it was time to go. No wonder George and Amal decided to stay on for a while.



■ Mike stayed at the Britannia Excelsior

Lake Como: How to get there



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More options for A-level students

I WAS listening to the reactions of different people following the A-level results.

I was concerned nearly all the commentary was on students following a conventional degree pattern with three years at university.

Research from the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development shows that only about one half of students use their specialist knowledge acquired in the degree.

I heard very little about alternatives such as apprenticeships, taking professional examinations, studying via the Open University or London University International examinations which are much cheaper especially for students who do not have British nationality.

Full-time study is not necessarily therefore a good option especially for those who have caring responsibilities.

I do hope that potential students obtain good career advice.

David Spurling,
Sittingbourne

Pollution claims are just 'bizarre'

TERRY Hudson's claim that the huge death toll from air pollution is a lie is frankly bizarre [KoS, letters, last week].

He claims the science is flawed while stating that he isn't a scientist. It is easy to shout "lies" at things that you don't like to hear.

But the death toll from air pollution, a significant proportion of which comes from traffic, must not be allowed to continue.

He is right to claim that the figure of 29,000 deaths each year is wrong though.

This is the number of deaths from just one of the pollutants: particulate matter, if you add in NOx then the figure is around 50,000.

These figures are from scientists who work for the government, a government that should have a desire to suppress the truth of the air pollution problem rather than exaggerate it.

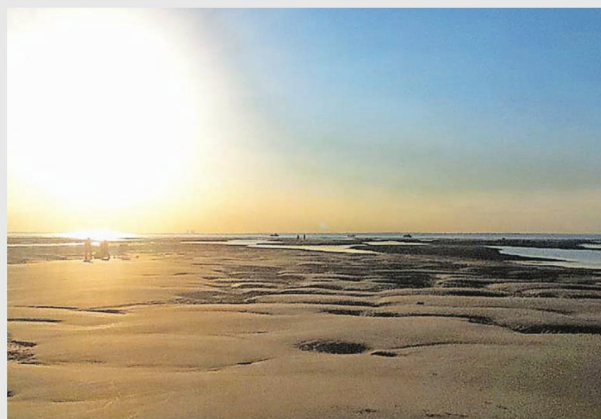
While scientists can make mistakes, these are usually isolated examples rather than large bodies of evidence from multiple sources.

The evidence on air pollution and its primary sources is well understood so let's not argue about facts, let's try to find solutions to reduce the number of people dying because of the pollution that our vehicles pump out.

We must stop using the air that we breathe as an invisible sewer. It is killing us.

Stuart Jeffery,
Co-chair, Kent Greens

LETTER OF THE WEEK



Stop the rape of our precious Goodwins

FROM the cliff tops of Thanet you can see the Goodwin Sands some four miles away.

Legend has it that it was our sister island of Lomea which was lost and replaced by quick sand a thousand years ago.

In its grip it holds a recorded 2,000 ships and probably the last resting place of at least 20,000 souls, including victims of both world wars and sailors and travellers of all nations.

It should be revered as probably the greatest as yet unexplored archaeological site in Europe, possibly the world.

Not to mention its seals and other wildlife.

Dover District Council, the local Dover MP, Kent County Council and, by its silence, the UK government are sitting by and letting it be raped.

Dover harbour needs cheap fill, there are millions of tonnes of fresh sand bars all along the north Kent coast. Ramsgate harbour needs dredging.

This proposed rape of a graveyard and the maritime history of Europe must not be allowed to happen.

Dredging on the sands has quietly happened in the past and the human and ships bones used as landfill or discarded as rubbish.

The RNLI of Ramsgate, Margate, Deal and Walmer have bravely challenged the seas to rescue hundreds of lives from the sands over the years.

So please write to your MP, the prime minister and log onto www.goodwinsandssos.org.

The Maritime Management Organisation will take the final decision in September on whether the Goodwins are a quarry to feed government coffers or a world heritage historical treasure.

The bones about to be harvested may be one of your ancestors please protest for them; they are silent victims.

David Steed
Manston

Diesels need to be treated better

ANDY Russell's piece last Sunday on diesel-engined cars strikes a particularly sore spot for me.

When I retired in 2002, I bought a diesel Audi A4 Avant thinking I was: a. Saving the planet based on the then government advice, and b. investing in a car that could be my last. Well, the second part is true, it has less than 78,000 miles on the clock, records 50 plus mpg, and last year I travelled just 2,400 miles in it.

It's serviced regularly, and kept in a garage - as a piece of kit it's a baby and is good for half-a-million miles or more.

Now, in its continued use, I'm made to feel like a social pariah, but rather than giving it up, I should be encouraged to keep it and stretch its initial manufacturing carbon footprint deep into the future. There should be investment in making them cleaner than they are; and the road fund tax should be linked to fuel usage - I pay £185pa, just the same as a driver doing 30 or 40,000 miles.

Politicians, experts, what do they know? Do they make it up as they go along, or just jump on-and-off the

latest fad?

As a PS, and on the subject of retention and longevity, my younger sister recently gifted her US built 2.2 litre petrol Honda Accord, badged 'Acura', to her new (English) daughter-in-law driving it from Carmel Indiana to Tacoma in Washington State - 2,300 odd miles. It had 117,000 miles on the clock then and it has just been traded in with 250,000 miles on it. Retention, not scrappage is the answer.

Edward Baker,
Tunbridge Wells

Let's not big up President Trump

COLIN Bullen's disastrous attempt to heap praise on Donald Trump [KoS, letters, last week] was poorly timed given the president's abject and moral failure to condemn the fascists who mowed down a counter protestor in Charlottesville last week.

Attempts to present the thin-skinned narcissist Mr Trump as anything other than the US' worst president in its history, a catastrophic epochal mistake made by that country, are very much a minority pastime in this country.

Trump is not fit to be mentioned in the same breath as former President Obama.

We can talk all day about Trump's wretched policy agenda if Mr Bullen likes; the attempt to rob 26 million Americans of healthcare in order to deliver a tax cut to his mates (and himself), to further tilt tax breaks towards the super rich (he and his mates again) and the racist attempt to block muslims from entering the country.

We can give thanks this 'dealmaker' is such an abject politician and so bad at striking deals that he can't get this agenda passed through congress.

So what if Trump backed Brexit? Just another example, among the many piling up daily, of the monumental folly of that caper.

Ben Murphy,
Sittingbourne

Radio host is a disappointment

I HAVE listened to Radio Kent for many years in the morning and, on the whole, really enjoy it.

However, I must express my disappointment in new presenter Anna Cookson. She clearly feels obliged to make her own views known on every topic and is a poor foil to the generally excellent John Warnett.

It's all a far cry from Maggie Doyle who, I thought, was an excellent co-presenter and is greatly missed.

T Jones,
Tonbridge

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We hope you enjoy Kent on Sunday.

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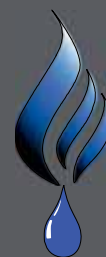
Wye after the rain

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More and more car-makers are getting on the hybrid bandwagon with some even going so far as committing to all their models being electrified within the next few years.

Big or small, budget-buy or exotic supercar, electric power is on a charge and making serious inroads into the alternatively-fuelled vehicles (AFVs) market which, from small volumes, is really starting to romp along.

And the popularity of AFVs is only going to pick up speed – registrations are currently 31.4% up on the same period last year and last month they were 64.9% ahead of July 2016 – now the government has announced no new petrol and diesel sales after 2040.

When it comes to electric power there are currently various types of vehicle to meet different motoring needs and driving ranges – fully electric, hybrids, plug-in hybrids and range-extenders.

Here we look at the differences:

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The 100% electric vehicles, also called battery electric vehicles, fully or pure electric vehicles, are wholly driven by an electric motor, powered by a battery that can be plugged in and charged from a mains supply. There is no combustion engine.

As 100% electric vehicles rely entirely on electricity for fuel, they do not produce any tailpipe emissions. Maximum range is getting better – now up to an official 250 miles for some models – but the quicker you drive, the quicker the charge is used so many are best suited to short journeys and urban driving.

They can convert energy wasted during braking and slowing down – via regenerative braking – into

Getting charged up about electrified motoring

electricity to top up the battery but not to recharge it fully.

HYBRIDS

Conventional hybrids combine a petrol or diesel engine with one or two electric motors, sometimes on different axles to give all-wheel drive when needed.

A full hybrid can run purely in electric mode at urban speeds and for short distances, under engine power or a combination of both for maximum power.

A mild hybrid sees the engine running all the time with the electric motor assisting the engine under acceleration so giving more performance.

The drive battery is charged either through regenerative braking or by generating electricity while cruising at higher speeds under engine power.

PLUG-IN HYBRIDS AND RANGE-EXTENDERS

The best of both worlds with a useful all-electric range – typically around 30 miles – for short journeys and the back-up of an engine to overcome the concern of running out of battery power and being stranded which is commonly called 'range-anxiety'.

The battery in a plug-in hybrid is



Electrified technology and battery ranges are starting to move at a pace. Toyota's latest Prius Plug-in Hybrid's emissions-free electric driving range has doubled to more than 30 miles.

Pictures: Toyota

smaller than in a 100% electric vehicle and tends to have a limited top speed although it is often still in excess of the legal motorway speed.

However, most models have enough electric range to cover the average 25-mile daily commute of the UK driver.

After the battery range has been used up – and, again, the faster you drive the faster it is drained – the vehicle is powered by its engine, which can be petrol or diesel.

Extended-range electric vehicles have a plug-in battery pack and electric motor, as well as an internal combustion engine. Unlike a plug-in hybrid, where the engine drives the wheels, in a range-ender the electric motor always drives the wheels, and the internal combustion engine acts as a generator to recharge the battery.

100 new plug-in hybrid models to be launched by 2021

The plug-in hybrid electric vehicle (PHEV) market is set for "transformational growth", a study has found.

Research by consultants Frost & Sullivan predicts that 3.7 million PHEVs will flood the market by 2025.

The growth will be caused by key factors making alternatively-fuelled vehicles more appealing to consumers, such as favourable 'green car' cash incentives, improved economy figures and increased consumer acceptance.

Most mainstream manufacturers see PHEVs as key to meeting stringent emissions targets, with many manufacturers launching dedicated electrified platforms.

Researchers have pinpointed 100 new PHEV model launches that will happen by 2021 and help drive uptake.

High-performance and luxury motors, including the Maserati Levante, Bentley Bentayga and BMW M3, are all leaning towards hybrid technology, taking it

away from its low-cost, economical roots.

However, Frost & Sullivan notes that uptake could be impeded by a number of factors, such as dwindling incentives and the arrival of long-distance pure-electric models.

Pooja Bethi, intelligent mobility analyst at Frost & Sullivan, said: "The stringent emission norms of 95g of CO₂/km can only be met by PHEV technology, while EV battery technology evolves to overcome limitations.

"PHEVs have a better market [than pure-electric cars] due to uncertainty in charging infrastructure. "Improvements in battery chemistries and energy density will boost the electric-only range of PHEVs, while fast-charging stations will help reduce charging times drastically."

The research appears to be backed up by strong sales for pure-electric and PHEV models in the UK. According to car industry trade body the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, the first half

of this year saw sales of alternatively-fuelled vehicle sales rise 27.5% to 58,657 registrations. Pure-electric cars have seen a 46.1% increase to 7,694 over the same period, while petrol-electric hybrid sales have gone up by 39% to 35,741 with low-volume diesel-electric hybrids suffering a 30.2% drop to 546.

That's impressive compared to petrol models, which saw take-up increase 5.2% to 729,773, while diesel sales dropped 9.9% to 613,381 registrations.



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Subtle changes refresh Renault Captur

Renault has updated its popular Captur crossover for 2017. Our motoring expert Jack Evans finds out how have the changes helped this vehicle's overall package.

THE Captur was Europe's best-selling urban crossover last year with 215,670 registrations so it's a crucial model for Renault.

The French manufacturer has now breathed new life into the distinctive-looking car to further raise its appeal. The subtle changes bring its looks closer to those of the mid-size Kadjar and large Koleos sport utility vehicles.

You'll have to look closely to spot the differences but, look hard, and you'll notice C-shaped front LED daytime running lights and updated LED rear lights. There's new front and back skidplates, new alloy wheels and a great variety of colours.

A fixed glass sunroof is now available from Dynamique S. Higher-quality plastics have been used on larger areas such as the dashboard and top-end spec cars get a leather-trimmed steering wheel. They add up to make the cabin feel more premium.

The Captur is impressively spacious. Front seats offer plenty of shoulder room, while those in the back are equally well catered for. Large windows add to the airy feel.



There are 377 litres of boot space and plenty of storage including deep door bins.

Power comes from familiar 1.2-litre turbo petrol and 1.5-litre diesel units but the Captur delivers a surprisingly involving drive.

The 1.2-litre petrol engine is nippy, and ideal for urban driving, but you need to work the gearbox to make consistent progress.

The ride isn't too firm, and deals with lumps and bumps road well. Light steering is well suited to urban



driving, allowing for quick changes of direction.

The car's interior plastics have been heavily reworked, feeling more high-end than those in the previous car, but materials lower down the cabin aren't as good, now more

Renault Captur

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0-62mph 9.9seconds; top speed 113mph

MPG: **51.4 combined**

CO2 emissions: **125g/km**

noticeable because of the soft-touch plastics on the dashboard.

The infotainment system lacks the precision of some rival systems, and the satellite navigation can be slow to adjust. The Bose stereo fitted to our car produced an impressive, premium sound.

The Captur is ideal for those people who want economical, low-frills motoring at a competitive price. This facelift has been a rather light one, but the changes add to its appeal.





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For planning permission to: “Outline planning permission for comprehensive mixed use development comprising a 2,961sqm leisure centre (Use Class D2), up to 150 residential dwellings (Use Class C3), up to 1,270sqm of commercial uses including hotel use (Use Class C1), retail uses (Use Class A1) and / or restaurant/café uses (Use Class A3); hard and soft landscaped open spaces, including children’s play facilities; surface parking for vehicles and bicycles; alterations to existing vehicular and pedestrian access and highway layout within and around the site; site levelling and groundworks; and all necessary supporting infrastructure and services. Within the outline application full details are submitted for the means of access, layout, scale, appearance and landscaping for the leisure centre and its associated parking, open spaces and children’s play facility.”

Local Planning Authority to whom the application is being submitted: Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT

Any owner of the land or tenant who wishes to make representations about this application, should write to the council within 21 days of the date of this notice.

Signatory: Mr Matt Shillito

M Shillito

Date: 23/08/2017

Statement of owners’ rights: The grant of planning permission does not affect owners’ rights to retain or dispose of their property, unless there is some provision to the contrary in an agreement or lease.

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These measures are in the interests of road safety while contractors undertake bridge works and all associated works. It is expected that the work will last for approximately 9 days starting on or after Friday 8th September 2017. The overnight closures will take place between 22:00 and 06:00 (maximum period).

The Order will come into force on 6 September 2017 and have a maximum duration of eighteen months.

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Clifford demands Kent prove ability

The club have five county championship matches remaining

Cricket

By Mark Baldwin

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KENT chief executive Jamie Clifford has challenged his players to prove they can perform under pressure as Sam Northeast's team prepare for a season-ending run of five County Championship matches in five weeks that could bring promotion into Division One or yet another near miss in terms of tangible success.

Home matches against Leicestershire, starting on Bank Holiday Monday, and Glamorgan, in the last week of the season on September 25-28, bookend a run of three away fixtures at Durham, Gloucestershire and Derbyshire – and Kent's players know they could not ask for a better-looking run-in as they aim to finish in one of the two second division promotion places.

Currently, Kent are in fifth position but level on 132 points with fourth-placed Sussex and just two points behind Northants in third.

Nottinghamshire head Division Two with 184 points, and look certain to go up, while Worcestershire lie second with 149 points.

But Kent, like Northants and Sussex, have a game in hand on the top two while all Kent's promotion rivals have a far tougher final month or so in prospect.

"This is another crunch period for the team, and we have a massive opportunity to win promotion this year," said Clifford, who has also not ruled out another overseas signing if New Zealand fast bowler Adam Milne's fitness is not thought to be up



CEO: Jamie Clifford wants Kent to showcase their quality as the season draws to a close

Pictures: ADY KERRY

to playing a run of four-day matches.

"We will be looking at all options because we know just how important these next five weeks are going to be for the club," added Clifford.

"Finishing second in Division Two last season, when only one team could be promoted, was hugely frustrating and we have also had to deal with big match disappointments in

this year's Natwest T20 Blast and in recent seasons in one-day competitions.

"Hopefully, the players will take added motivation from all of that in terms of showing they can perform under pressure, because in sport one of the ways you do get better is by learning from your disappointments."

World champ Gemili invited to Number Ten

Athletics

DARTFORD'S world champion sprinter Adam Gemili was among a number of British athletes invited by the prime minister to celebrate their success at 10 Downing Street this week.

The World Para Athletics and World Athletics Championships were both staged in the same city in the same year this summer, with the spotlight again being thrown on London, just as with the Olympics and Paralympics five years ago.

Both championships boasted record ticket sales and London welcomed more than 3,000 athletes from over 200 nations competing in 250 events.

Gemili was part of the men's gold medal-winning 4x100m team,



WINNER: Adam Gemili

which saw off rivals including Justin Gatlin of the USA and Jamaica's Usain Bolt.

Theresa May said: "Everyone involved in staging both the World Para Athletics and World Athletics Championships should be incredibly proud of what they achieved. But it's not just about the medal successes and the new records set. London 2017 will help to inspire many future generations to write their own place in the history books and to live healthier and more active lives."

After the race earlier this month, Gemili said: "I don't actually believe it's happened. I didn't want to go to sleep in case I woke up and it was all a dream."

"But it's reality and it's something we've been working towards and every athlete in the squad wants to become world champion and be the best in the world and for us four lucky guys it's actually happened."

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Ex-Chelsea defender signs deal with Dover

DOVER Athletic have signed a former Chelsea and England under-19 international.

Left-back Aziz Deen-Conteh signed a contract at Crabble this week after featuring in several pre-season games for boss Chris Kinnear's side earlier this summer.

The 24-year-old came through the ranks at the current Premier League champions, joining the club when he was 13, and during his time at Stamford Bridge he won the FA Youth Cup and was also named in the famous Champions League-winning squad of 2012.

After being released by the Blues in 2014, Deen-Conteh, who has three caps for his native Sierra Leone, spent a year with Greek Superleague side FC Ergotelis before he returned to England and joining Port Vale.

He then left Vale Park for Moldovan side Zaria Balti in January 2016 before switching to Georgian outfit FC Zugdidi, which was his last club before returning to the UK.



BOSS: Chris Kinnear



HOME: Dartford's Princes Park

Dartford keeper faces Lukaku and Belgium

DARTFORD goalkeeper Deren Ibrahim is set to come up against one of the hottest strikers in Europe next week after being called up to represent Gibraltar in two World Cup qualifiers.

Manchester United's Romelu Lukaku, who has already bagged four goals in three games for the Red Devils following his big-money move from Everton, is expected to lead the

line for Belgium when the sides meet in Liege on Thursday.

Last time he faced Belgium, Ibrahim conceded six times, including the fastest ever World Cup qualifying goal, bagged by Christian Benteke after just 8.1 seconds.

Gibraltar will also come up against Bosnia next Sunday, so Ibrahim will miss Dartford's games against East Thurrock and Hampton.

Welling snap up Phipps on loan

WELLING United have completed the signing of Harry Phipps on loan from nearby Maidstone.

The attacker played against the Wings for Margate last season before signing for the Stones.

Boss Jamie Coyle told the club's website: "Harry is an attacking midfielder and striker who is a great addition to the squad."

"Harry is very versatile as to where he can play and with his stature and energy levels he adds more quality and physical presence to the squad."

"I was very impressed with Harry working with him last year at Maidstone United, he is another player that works really hard and causes problems in the opposition's penalty box."

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